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COMBINED NOTICE

Proposed Issuance of Permits NPDES (402), ARAP/401(C) and USACE (404)

Joint Public Meeting and Hearing

*Division of Water Resources
Federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Other Participating Agencies (USACE, USEPA, USFWS, TWRA)*

Public Notice M2016-20

November 9, 2016

Last Day to Submit Written Comments on Draft NPDES Permit: December 10, 2016

Last Day to Submit Written Comments for the NPDES Hearing Record: December 31, 2016

The agencies will hold a preliminary public meeting with the public to discuss and review the applications and plans for these pending permits located in Claiborne County starting at **3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** The formal public hearing will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Water Resources, Mining Section, will hold the following public hearing pursuant to *Rule 0400-40-05-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The hearing will be held jointly with the federal Office of Surface Mining and participating agencies at the following time, date, and place:

Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Starting at 6:00 p.m. EST
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Knoxville Environmental Field Office
Large Conference Room
3711 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee

Public comments will be received concerning the proposed issuance of ARAP and NPDES permits to the following applicant:

Company Information

Mr. Ron Helton, Vice President of Operations
Kopper Glo Mining, LLC
P.O. Box 203
Clairfield, TN 37715

Site Information

Kopper Glo Mining, LLC
Cooper Ridge Surface Mine Phase I
NPDES Permit TN0069736 (Draft)
SMCRA Permit No. 3270 (Pending)

Cooper Ridge Surface Mine and Underground Mine – Phase I

A new surface and underground coal mine located at latitude 36.55517, longitude – 83.88651. The site consists of 424.1 acres and discharges into wet weather conveyances and unnamed tributaries of Valley Creek and Hurricane Creek. The surface mine will reclaim approximately 6.4 miles of existing relic high walls. The underground mine will utilize a surface mine cut to provide access to 260 acres of underground mine coal reserves. The proposed surface mine will utilize the Forestry Reclamation Approach. The proposed operation has avoided disturbance of streams identified within the permit area and has provided an ARAP application for stream crossings.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend this public hearing. If you have any questions related to these proposed permits contact the following: SMCRA permit - Bill Winters at (865) 545-4103 Ext. 170 or bwinters@osmre.gov; ARAP permit - Dan Murray at (865) 594-5549 or Dan.Murray@tn.gov and NPDES permit - Gary Mullins at (865) 594-5536 or Gary.Mullins@tn.gov.

Applicable to the ARAP and NPDES Permitting Process

The hearing is being held in the anticipation of interest and concerns within the local community about the proposed site. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public relevant to a final decision on the permit applications.

Comments not related to water quality or to the information contained in the ARAP and NPDES permit applications will not be considered in the decision-making process. Issues such as zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not water-quality related and are not regulated by the Division therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information on these proposed permits.

The hearing officer may limit oral presentations related to the proposed ARAP and NPDES permits to five minutes and require that all testimony be relevant to water quality-related issues. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns. Written testimony related to these permits will be accepted at the hearing and by TDEC until **December 31, 2016**.

Interested persons may obtain additional information and copy the applications, draft permit, and supporting documentation from the ARAP and NPDES permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours by contacting Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review. The following link will allow online viewing through DWR's Data Viewer: http://environment-online.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings should contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at **1-866-253-5827** or:

ADA Coordinator
Human Resources Division
William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor
Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no later than **December 9, 2016**, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service, **1-800-848-0298**.